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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, VA

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SAITO'S REPORTED PRESS REMARKS ON  
- KOREA RESOLUTIONS

1. AMBASSOR SAITO, GOJ PERMREP TO UN AND THIS MONTH'S  
SC CHAIRMAN, IS QUOTED BY JIJI PRESS AUGUST 22 AS SAYING  
THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA SEEMS UNLIKELY TO WIN  
AND "ALL BUT CERTAIN" THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION WILL BE  
ADOPTED. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CHANCES OF FRIENDLY  
RESOLUTION OBTAINING UNGA'S ACCEPTANCE "APPEARS DIM RATHER  
THAN FIFTY-FIFTY". HE HINTED AT POSSIBILITY OF TAKING SOME  
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COUNTER-ACTION IF HOSTILE RESOLUTION SEEMS SURE TO WIN BUT

OBSERVED THAT COMPROMISE SOLUTION WOULD BE "MORE DIFFICULT THAN AT 29TH UNGA."

2. WHETHER OR NOT THIS STATEMENT IS CORRECT AS REPORTED, IT COULD, IF WIDELY CIRCULATED, DAMAGE OUR POSITION BECAUSE OF JAPAN'S POSITION AS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL CORE CO-SPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND BECAUSE OF AMBASSADOR SAITO'S CURRENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECURITY COUNCIL. HIS REPORTED STATEMENT ALSO IS EXTREMELY INOPPORTUNE ON THE EVE OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA WHERE ROK AND NORTH KOREANS ARE COMPETING FOR ATTENTION OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

3. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST YOU TAKE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO EXPRESS OUR COMPLETE SURPRISE AND DISBELIEF AT SAITO'S REPORTED PRESS STATEMENT. YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EXPLANATION FOR HIS REMARKS AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS AUTHORIZED AND REPRESENTS GOJ POSITION. YOU SHOULD STRONGLY EMPHASIZE DAMAGING IMPACT THAT HIS REMARKS ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL HAVE ON NAC IN LIMA AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT ON THOSE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHAT POSITION TO TAKE REGARDING THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THE CO-SPONSORS WILL EXPECT AN EXPLANATION AND URGE THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS BE TAKEN BY GOJ TO EXPLAIN PUBLICLY SAITO'S EMBARRASSING REMARKS AND PREFERABLY TO RETRACT THEM OR OTHERWISE FIND SOME MEANS TO LESSEN THE ADVERSE IMPACT HIS REMARKS, AS REPORTED, WILL HAVE ON INTERESTED PARTIES. ROBINSON

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